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Reminder — General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting of the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association will be on the second Wednesday of this month at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 1318 N. Circle Drive Blvd. The meeting will start at 7 PM.

General Membership Meeting Minutes June 10, 1998 Ken Phillips, NØNKP, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order On June 10th by our president, Greg WA2OOD at 1900. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved with one correction of a reference to the May meeting, which should have read the June meeting. The program was conducted by Mike, KØTER, and was an orientation and operation plan for field day. Mike stressed the "care and feeding" of the CT logging program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activity: Renay KAØROY is looking for volunteers to plan and organize the Christmas party. There will be a group for miniature golf this month, and a drawing certificate for Ham and Eggs was presented to Les and Jody Borst.

Treasurer's report: Rob N7LV reported income of \$27.23, expenses of \$13.51 with a net gain of \$13.72 and a balance of \$6172.13.

Public Service: Rob N7LV reports we still need about 15 more people to cover the Pikes Peak Hill Climb, including someone to camp overnight to man the repeater.

Assets: Mike KØTER reports we still need an inventory. By this announcement we found the climbing belt and the coffee pot during the meeting.

CCARC: No report

Interference: An elderly couple complained of interference to the FCC who passed it to the ARRL who passed it to the PPFMA who called Bill, NØNJX. The source was a HF amplifier that was being received through their TV set. The problem was corrected...we think.

Membership: No Report

Programs: The program for July will be from a FCC monitoring station operator. It should be interesting.

Publicity: Ron NKØP reports we received boxes of electronics parts from a customer at centennial electronics because they saw a flier for our swapfest. They will be auctioned tonight. Ron reminded us to check into the simplex net on 146.58 Thursday evenings at 19:00.

Swapfest: No report.

Education: No report.

Ø-Beat: No report.

Old Business: Aaron, KD6FLM, reported we will hold our annual display at the East branch library on North Union Blvd. on the 3rd of October. Displays and volunteers are needed.

New Business: We were reminded that this Sunday is flag day, and to fly the flag. Volunteers were recruited for cooking breakfast at field day, and a motion was made seconded and approved to allocate \$100.00 for food. A camper/trailer is needed for the satellite station for field day. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to allocate about \$105.00 for trailer rental. Transportation was found for the tower for field day. Rick, KØSU brought in the parts people had ordered to make direction finders. There are still some available, interested parties should contact Rick.

Announcements: VE testing this Saturday at 0900 at DTC. There will be a fox hunt Sunday the 14th starting at 1400 from the Austin Bluffs Radio Shack. We have started a WAS board for the club. If you get a QSL card from an area we need, you will receive a certificate. See Doug for details. We have been accepted for renewal as a Special Services Club for the next two years. This is an important distinction.

The meeting adjourned at 21:00.

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Board Meeting Minutes

June 15, 1998

Ken Phillips, NØNKP, Acting Secretary

The board meeting was held at the QTH of Greg, WA2OOD. Present were Greg WA2OOD, Rob N7LV, Bill NØNJX, Doug WØMHP, Les KCØNC, Jody KAØROZ, Aaron KD6FLM, Ken NØNKP (acting secretary), Jeff NØJLH, Renay KAØROY, Bill KDØJU, Moe WBØRTF (substituting for NKØP).

Greg will contact Mike KØTER to set up time and method for asset inventory after field day. A loose-leaf binder is being established for a continuity guide of club procedures and contacts. (i.e. the date to secure the raffle license for the swapfest, contacts for public relations, red cross, weather bureau etc.) It was discussed and decided that articles published in *Ø-Beat* should have the author's name published with the article except for the "Elmer" articles. The board voted to expend \$34.55 for a new balun for the CW beam to be used for field day. KQØS had suggested we buy a flag for the club. Since it can only be flown for field day, the board voted to consider it at a future date when we might be able to display it more frequently. The chair for public service is open, and members and the board were encouraged to recruit a new chairperson. The board encourages everyone to spread the word about the simplex net on 146.58 on Thursday evening. Doug WØMHP expressed everyone's thanks to Moe WBØRTF for publicizing the simplex net on other nets and repeaters. The next fox hunt is scheduled for July 12th. The *Ø-Beat* editor requested and received board approval for reimbursement of \$15.00 to replace the electric stapler for *Ø-Beat*. Aaron, KD6FLM encouraged the board and members to solicit groups or items for our display in the East Library on October 3rd. Jody, KAØROZ has the food for breakfast at field day planned and ready to go. The next board meeting will be on July 13th, at the QTH of Les KCØNC.

Treasurer's Report

For Period Ending May 31, 1998

Rob Roller, N7LV

\$2,723.33 - \$1,351.56 = \$1,371.77

Income - expenses = Gain/(Loss)

The rather large number this month is due primarily to the successful swapfest/raffle, which netted just under \$800 this year. Slightly more than last year, but still not as much as I would have liked to see. Let's keep working on improving our swapfest each year. For next year, we still don't have someone to take on the role of swapfest chair, so please consider it in the very near future and contact Greg WA2OOD when you're ready! Bob Ryals KIØGF is undertaking the project to put together a swapfest manual so that you will have an excellent understanding of what it takes to coordinate the 'fest. With good documentation, you can expect your role as swapfest chair to be a relatively easy one.

Last month, I took on the task of ordering club jackets for other members when I placed my order. Those jackets came in on 6/16, and all but four have picked them up as of 6/24. I have outstanding orders from another six members, and hopefully by the time you're reading this, those six will have their brand new jackets! Any member, at any time, can head down to Shirt Stop and order their own jacket. You don't have to wait for a group order, although it is cheaper. The \$10 setup fee is waived for quantities of 12 or more. Also, if you want another piece of clothing to bear the club insignia and your name/call (like a sweatshirt, T-shirt, or other item), you can also work directly with Shirt Stop to get your custom piece made.

That's it for now. I won't be at the club meeting or the board meeting in July, so I'll pass next month's report to Greg ahead of time. Have a great summer!

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Monthly Foxhunt Results Jeff Boyes, NØJLH

I had the pleasure of being the fox for the June PPRAA foxhunt. I decided early on that after the hounds found me, I would have them try to find the EXACT antenna that the fox was using to transmit

After some careful planning, I placed THREE mag-mount antennas on my truck, then proceeded to hide the fox in a trashcan about halfway across the park.

Well, after about two and a half hours, the first hound arrived, followed very shortly by the second one. Then the real fun began. I explained that they would be required to find the antenna that was transmitting the fox signal. After about fifteen minutes, they finally caught on. And the winner is... (Continued next page)

Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association

Doug, WBØMHP!

As always, the monthly PPRAA foxhunts are held the Sunday following the club meeting. Meet at the Radio Shack on Austin Bluffs and Academy about 1:30 PM, and be ready to have a great time.

President's Corner Greg Tarzca, WA2OOD

Heads up! If you come to the July club meeting, expect to hear about another PPRAA success! I generally don't like to keep everyone in suspense like this (it generally doesn't go over very well, either!), but I don't have all the details on the story yet. (However, I'll use this teaser to lead into a short spiel on why I think we have these successes and where I, as President, fit into the picture.)

I believe the reason for some of our successes is trust! Bear with me on this one – I may have a different perspective on this issue than some of you! I know that there are those in the PPRAA that have had less than complete faith and trust in the club, the Board and even in some of your fellow members over the past couple of years. In some cases, this lack of trust may have been justified by actions that were taken. In other cases, the lack of trust may have simply been propagated by heresay evidence or even less.

The generally accepted belief on this subject is that trust must be earned. That ought to work for about 100% of you in personal matters and for roughly 95% of you as it relates to the PPRAA. If you're thinking, "Uh-Oh, the Prez just slipped off his rocker!", let me explain. The 5% discrepancy I bring up represents the PPRAA Board of Directors. I can't actually speak for the entire Board on this subject, but here is my position on trust:

If I had to be PPRAA President without trusting anyone in the club, I wouldn't be President (or I might be completely bald from worrying about who was "out to get me.") I wouldn't even have considered being President if I knew there was one person I couldn't trust in the PPRAA population. From a health

standpoint alone, it wouldn't make any sense. My basic position from day one was to trust everyone involved with making the club work – that includes all of its members. I trust everyone to do their assigned tasks and be straight with everyone else.

I am extremely pleased to report that except for a ripple or two, my trust has been well-placed in all of you! I have seen a number of thing "work" within the club over the last few months that haven't been seen in a while. The success story that I will have for you describes one of them. And no, I am not wearing blinders – not everything goes according to plans, but you'll only hear me blow our collective "horn" over things that do! Now if I could just get more people to volunteer for some of these upcoming projects...

On the personal side, I would like to thank K2LCT, WD4DHR, and WB6IWY for coming over, climbing my tower, and hooking the coax and balun up to my tri-bander a couple of weeks ago. Since then, I feel like I've rediscovered a new box of toys with the HF bands getting hot again.

I hope you all had a good time at Field Day and I'll see you at the meeting.

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PPRAA Worked All States (WAS) Certificate Update Doug Moloney, WBØMHP

Four members have collected 21 states for the PPRAA WAS Certificate Award. Dave/NØUVR has 10 states worked, Doug/WBØMHP has 6 states worked and Rosie/WAØMNL has 4 states worked, and Ron/NKØP has just started and has one state.

This WAS Certificate program is open to all PPRAA members as a way to share their HF/6M contacts with other club members. Any member working one or more states and brings their QSL cards to be displayed on the QSL board will receive an award certificate. After all states are worked and cards displayed, the cards will be returned along with a very nice certificate.

AK - NØUVR	MO - WBØMHP
CA - WAØMNL	NE - WBØMHP
CO - WAØMNL	NJ - NØUVR
HI - WBØMHP	NY - NKØP
IL - NØUVR	NC - WBØMHP
IN - NØUVR	OK - NØUVR
IA - NØUVR	OR - WBØMHP
KY - NØUVR	TX - WAØMNL
ME - WBØMHP	UT - NØUVR
MD - NØUVR	WI - NØUVR
MI - WAØMNL	

So, if anyone has worked any one of the states not yet having cards displayed for since May 1997, bring them in for the QSL board and qualify for the certificate.

Editor's Notes Jeff Boyes, NØJLH

I would like to thank all the people that helped me remember how much fun it was to put out yet another issue of this fine newsletter. I won't mention any names for fear of forgetting some of you, but you know who you are. THANKS for all the nice comments!

Take me out to the Ball Game! Renay Boyes, KAØROY

The July Activity will be held on Saturday July 25th at 5:00 p.m. We will have a tailgate Barbecue and then watch the Sky Sox beat the Salt Lake City Buzz. A grill will be provided. **Bring your own food/utensils!**

The June activity was held at Metro Golf on June 20. We had a very close, heated match with Greg WA2OOD beating out Jeff NØJLH with an 8 over par. There was also a prize given for the highest over par. Cassie Boyes won with a 42 over par. Both winners will receive a putter and a set of golf balls.

I have been getting some questions regarding the cards and the grand prize. Here are the rules:

1. Cards **ARE NOT** awarded at regular club events (swapfest, picnic, field day, etc), but are awarded for attending activities and transmitter hunts.
2. The \$100.00 grand prize will be awarded at the Christmas party. The Book of Hoyle will determine the winning hand using the rules for straight poker.
3. At the Christmas party you may buy **one** card for \$5.00 providing that you already have only **four** cards in your hand. **NO OTHER CARDS MAY BE PURCHASED!**
4. In the event that one deck does not last the whole year, a second deck will be opened. You **MAY NOT** mix the different decks. If there are multiple winners, the grand prize will be split evenly.

Hope this clears some things up. See you in July!

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What's an SSC?

Rob Roller, N7LV

Ron NKØP recently announced we renewed our SSC status. So? What's it mean? A Special Services Club is an ARRL club that's "well balanced" in its service to the community. We have programs in each of these six areas as outlined by the ARRL. We're stronger in some areas than others, but we're making some new efforts to balance these out.

1. New Ham Development and Training: Develop an effective, coordinated program of public relations, recruiting, training and ongoing assistance targeted to prospective hams in your community to foster needed growth in Amateur Radio.

* The PPRAA conducts classes at least once a year. Frank McNally KFØWF, our main instructor, gets help from other amateurs. Linda Hedges KBØRKW is the point of contact for technical education. Every other month the PPRAA also conducts VE testing. The PPRAA web site is host to the web page of the independent Elmer Net. Credit for that net goes to Roger KBØRLF and Ginger NØUOD who have been a great help for getting information to new and prospective amateurs.

2. Public Relations: Establish an effective Amateur Radio presence in your community, including contact with local media and coverage of your activities; Public Information Officer appointment.

* Aaron KD6FLM is bringing the library exhibit back, tentatively scheduled for October 3, 1998 at the East Library. Come see what amateur radio in Colorado Springs is all about. Ron NKØP, our publicity chairman, makes sure the word gets out to the public

for our events, such as the recent Mir contact, the monthly meetings, and Field Day.

3. Emergency Communications: Club members should become skilled in communicating effectively during communications emergencies and be prepared to assist when needed; Official Emergency Station appointment and participation in ARES.

* We encourage our members to be skilled in communicating effectively and to participate in public service events. Emergency communications is one of our stated purposes in our articles of incorporation. And, although the PPRAA itself doesn't routinely conduct emergency communications training, many of us are registered with ARES and receive its training, and a number of RACES members are also PPRAA members. We haven't pushed too hard to get the PPRAA members appointed as OESs but we should do that more in the future.

4. Technical Advancement: Continuing education in the technical aspects of Amateur Radio to ensure that your club members are technically competent, familiar and comfortable with modern radio-electronics technology; Technical Specialist appointment.

* Each month the PPRAA conducts a program in conjunction with its meeting, presenting talks on many of the technical applications of amateur radio: AMSAT, antenna construction, lightning and kit building are examples. Other club activities inherently encourage members to develop technical skills, like fox hunting, Field Day, or the recent kit building projects. Bob Armstrong AEØB is the Colorado Section Technical Coordinator. Bob coordinates the activities of one or more Technical Specialists, who can help with local technical problems such as antenna problems, grounding or lightning, to name a few.

5. Operating Activities: Active participation as a club in one or more major operating or operating support activities to ensure that your club maintains a high level of operating skill.

* Our main activity is Field Day. Mike Stansberry KØTER is again arranging for us to cohost Field Day with the Mountain Amateur Radio Club of Woodland Park. We also have monthly foxhunts, usually on the Sunday after the club meeting. The PPRAA also supports the Boy Scouts Jamboree-On-The-Air, which

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attracts Scouts from all around the region; its sole purpose is to let the Scouts get on the air to talk to other Scouts across the USA and around the world. We also support the Boy Scouts Freeze-O-Ree held each year at the USAFA. Last year, we set up the club display outside the amateur radio tent. Many Scouts got a chance to make a call to other hams on HF and VHF. The lucky ones got to talk to Mike Proctor KBØIAP, an Eagle scout himself, who told of his experiences and gave words of wisdom.

6. Miscellaneous Activities: Every active club has its special interests and activities that make it unique, that give it special personality. List three of these activities. See the ARRL Special Service Club Manual for ideas.

* The PPRAA is making strong revitalization efforts. Some of our activities that qualify for "special interests and activities" include our annual swapfest, Saturday morning breakfasts, an annual picnic, the QSL card contest, the recently created Simplex Net, our Christmas party, a monthly club activity other than the monthly meeting, and our recent auction night.

If you have ideas on how our club can do more in any of these areas, please contact Greg WA2OOD, our president. We also have a suggestion box at the club meetings. For more information on the ARRL Special Services Club, contact the ARRL, or check out their web page at: <http://www.arrl.org/field/club/forms/fsd7/>

Our ARRL representatives are Marshall Quiat AGØX, Rocky Mountain Division Director; Tim Armagost WBØTUB, Colorado Section Mgr and Jeff Ryan NØWPA, Assistant Section Mgr for Colorado.

Notes From YOUR Program Chairman Jeff Boyes, NØJLH

The June program will be a presentation on an FCC Monitoring Station that used to operate in Grand Island, Nebraska. Rebecca Willmon from the FCC Field Office in Denver will give this presentation. You won't want to miss it!

At the last several meetings of the PPRAA, you have heard me asking for program ideas. I was recently reminded of the work that a certain past programs chairman accomplished. He was able to put together a list of ideas for programs based on member input. Here is his list:

Foxhunting Antennas, Low Profile Antennas, Emergency Preparedness, Packet, Computer Hardware/Ham Software/Internet, 1.2g Repeaters, GPS Operation, 2 Meter SSB, Spread Spectrum Comm, Data Communication, DX, Computer Interfacing, Radio Repair, Kit Building, APRS, Survival, Linked Repeaters, Test Equipment, 6m Operation, High Speed Packet, Antique Equipment, Radio Etiquette, Grounding, Supplier Directory, RFI, Soldering, Mobile Radio Installs, Campouts, Power Supplies, QRP, 10-10 Net, Phone Patching, Tower Installation, Hospitality, EME, Satellite, Tower Climbing, Foreign Licensing, Contesting, NCS Procedures, Propagation, Special Events, Cross-Band Intermod, Balloon Launches, Hamfest Shopping, ATV, Elmering, Oscar, Traffic, 160 Meters, Cross-Band Operation, Phonetics, Skywarn, Weather Announcements, New Ham Presentations, NORAD Visit, Scientific (Non-Ham)

As you are well aware, some of these ideas have made fine presentations at club meetings over the last two years or so. I would like your help to make the next two years' worth of programs just as successful.

First, if you have an idea for a presentation that is not on my list, please let me know. Second, if you, or anyone that you know, might be willing to give a short presentation on any of these subjects, please, please, please give me a call on 146.58, or call me at 229-5703. Thanks.

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